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To: Criminal Investigative

Attn: Public Corruption Unit

From: Boston

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Case ID #: 194B-BS-90361 (Closed) - 12

Title: Thomas M. Menino
Mayor, City of Boston et al
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Synopsis: Public corruption case closed at Boston Division.

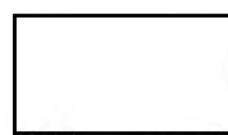
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Details: Boston Division has closed the above titled public corruption case. Enclosed for PCU review is the closing LHM.

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Boston, MA 02108
September 17, 2003

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor, City of Boston
Corruption of State and Local Public Officials

This case has been closed. The case was predicated upon information from the Boston Herald newspaper article which questioned the appropriateness of Mayor Menino's televised conversation with Sprint Telecommunications [redacted]

[redacted] The conversation was part of the televised program "24/7" which aired the evening of June 11, 2002. In the segment in question, the Mayor threatened the company with the loss of a lucrative city contract unless the firm donated \$25,000 to the mayoral youth fund. The Mayor is shown having a telephone conversation with [redacted] discussing the awarding of City of Boston contracts.

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During the course of their conversation, Menino threatened to give a Boston Housing Authority contract to AT&T, a Sprint competitor, because AT&T is sponsoring a summer youth [redacted]

[redacted] is present in the segment and is also shown on the television broadcast making statements suggesting that Sprint will lose the contract if they fail to make the donation. [redacted] also assists the Mayor in pressuring Sprint to make the donation.

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On June 11, 2002, Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] United States Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts, stated the case had prosecutive merit. The United States Attorneys Office advised that if the apparent facts were shown to be true to case would be prosecuted.

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Investigation was initiated, interview conducted, and documents obtained. Documents reviewed included City of Boston contracts; Sprint Telecommunications contract with the City of Boston and AT&T contracts with the City of Boston. Upon review of the evidence available, AUSA [redacted] declined prosecution of this matter. This matter will be reopened should sufficient information be developed that substantiates the allegations regarding Mayor Menino.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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One Center Plaza
Boston, MA 02108
617-742-5533
September 17, 2003

Attention: Michael J. Sullivan
United States Attorney
One Courthouse Way, Suite 9200
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Attention: [REDACTED]
Assistant United States Attorney

RE: Thomas M. Menino
Mayor, City of Boston

[REDACTED], City of Boston
[REDACTED]
Sprint
Telecommunications (Victim)
CSLPO

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Dear Sir:

[REDACTED] The purpose of this letter is to confirm AUSA [REDACTED]
decision to decline prosecution of an investigation [REDACTED]
concerning the allegation that captioned Mayor Menino and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] were responsible for the attempted [REDACTED]
corruption of captioned victim, [REDACTED]

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AUSA [REDACTED] was advised of the following information
[REDACTED] regarding the above referenced investigation by Special Agent [REDACTED]
on June 11, 2002. The case was predicated upon a [REDACTED]
Boston Herald newspaper article which questioned the [REDACTED]
appropriateness of Mayor Menino's televised conversation with [REDACTED]
Sprint Telecommunications [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The [REDACTED]
conversation was part of the television program "24/7" which was [REDACTED]
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city contract unless the firm donated \$25,000 to the mayoral [REDACTED]
youth fund. The Mayor is shown having a telephone conversation [REDACTED]
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Investigation was initiated, interviews conducted and documents obtained and reviewed. Upon review of the evidence available AUSA [REDACTED] declined prosecution of this matter.

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Accordingly, no further investigation will be conducted by the FBI.

Sincerely,

KENNETH W. KAISER
Special Agent in Charge

By:

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Supervisory Special Agent

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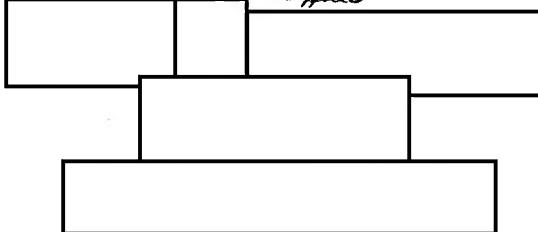
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BY FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

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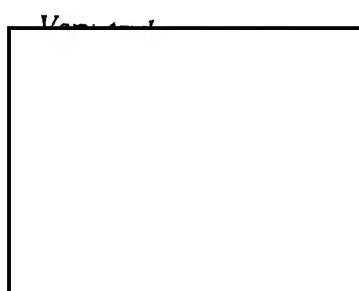
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Dear []

Please be advised that I represent [] insofar as your interest is in speaking with him. I am prepared to meet with you and submit to an interview under appropriate conditions as soon as possible. Pursuant to our conversation this interview will take place at []

Thank you for your cooperation and professionalism.



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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535-0001

September 12, 2002

THOMAS MICHAEL MENINO

Captioned individual, who you advised was born December 27, 1942, in Boston, Massachusetts, and holds SSAN: 023-32-0267, is the subject of an ongoing Corruption of State and Local Public Official investigation initiated in June 2002 by the FBI. Attached is a FBI memorandum and four newspaper articles which contains the results of this investigation.

FBI files, records of the Criminal Justice Information Services Division, and appropriate computer data bases contain no additional pertinent information identifiable with captioned individual based upon background information furnished in connection with this name check request.

This communication has been cleared by the Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Boston, MA 02108
June 11, 2002

Thomas M. Menino,
Mayor, City of Boston;

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conversation is part of the television program "24/7" which is scheduled to air the evening of June 11, 2002. In one segment of the program, the Mayor threatens the company with the loss of a lucrative city contract unless the firm donates \$ 25,000.00 to the mayoral youth fund. The Mayor is shown having a telephone conversation with [REDACTED] discussing the awarding of City of Boston contracts. During the course of their conversation, Menino threatens to give a Boston Housing Authority contract to AT & T, a Sprint competitor, because AT & T is sponsoring a summer youth program while Sprint has done nothing. [REDACTED]

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the [REDACTED] is also shown on the television broadcast making statements suggesting that Sprint will lose the contract if they fail to make the donation. [REDACTED] also assists the Mayor in pressuring Sprint to make the donation.

Appropriate investigation will be conducted. The investigation will require the obtaining of an unedited version of the television program "24/7". Additionally, the Boston Division intends to conduct interviews and conduct the appropriate investigation.

On June 11, 2002, Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] United States Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts, stated that the case has prosecutive merit. The United States Attorney's Office stated that if the apparent facts are shown to be true the case will be prosecuted.

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The following biographical information is provided for Menino.

Name: Thomas M. Menino
Address: 102 Chesterfield Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Date of Birth: 12/27/42
Social Security Number: 023-32-0267

probe of corruption

By Anthony Flint
GLOBE STAFF

Community activists called for a federal investigation yesterday of "corruption" in the administration of Mayor Thomas M. Menino after learning of campaign contributions by individuals linked to a developer with a major project before city regulators.

The contributions were made last year in a process known as "bundling" by several individuals associated with Millennium Partners of New York, which is building a multi-use complex in Chinatown and proposing a 58-story tower and complex over the Massachusetts Turnpike at Massachusetts Avenue.

About \$16,000 in contributions flowed into Menino's campaign chest while Millennium had business before the city, according to a review of campaign records published yesterday in The Boston Herald. The Fenway Action Coalition, a group of residents opposed to the Millennium project over the turnpike and plans for a new Fenway Park as well, called on US Attorney Donald Stern to open an investigation.

"The chaotic transformation of Boston into a hodge-podge of massive structures, malls, and hotels is determined entirely on the basis of influence peddling," said Robert Fein, a member of the group.

"It's all a matter of hiring Menino pals as consultants and plunking down bribes through laundered channels," said Peter Catalano, another member, who said Menino was engaging in "honest graft" and "crony capitalism."

Menino declined to be interviewed. But Peter Welsh, a top aide to Menino, dismissed the Fenway Action Coalition, by saying, "There are more pages in their press release than people in their group."

Asked whether Menino could be a credible defender of re-

The contributions were made in a process known as "bundling" by individuals associated with Millennium Partners of New York.

campaign contributions and still put developers through a rigorous process? Of course. We've done it in every project in this city. The mayor doesn't interfere in the process."

Menino is on record as being opposed to the 69-story tower over the turnpike as currently proposed, Welsh said.

Menino and his associates have ties to Millennium and other major developers, however. Cynthia Martelak, wife of Menino's top political adviser, Edward Messer, has been hired as a strategist for Millennium. Robert F. Walsh, the mayor's close friend and former director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, is in charge of the new Red Sox stadium project and has hired recently departed Menino aide Joseph Fisher.

Catalano said the combination of the campaign contributions and the "revolving door" of Menino associates working for developers warranted scrutiny by outside investigators.

With billions in real estate deals in the pipeline for Boston, Menino has been criticized by political opponents for being too pro-development. In recent weeks, however, he has sought to portray himself as on the side of worried residents, opposing "air rights" development over the

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Fraud charges no obstacle

By JONATHAN WELLS
BOSTON HERALD
and JACK MURRAY

Vincent Mariano's run of success as a preferred developer of second city land began while he was under the cloud of a federal indictment charging him with fraud in connection with a real estate project.

In the early 1990s, Mariano's financial and legal prospects plummeted when his poor residential development project — the 16-unit Dale Village complex occupies in Roslindale — nearly collapsed under the weight of a series of mortgage foreclosures.

To make matters worse, in 1994, Mariano and five others involved in the Dale Village project, were indicted on federal corruption and mail fraud charges.

The U.S. Attorney's Office accused Mariano and the other defendants of "defrauding GM Corp., Mortgage Inc. of Missouri by distorting condominium buyer's second mortgages at lower payments so they could qualify for loans."

The "bitter" second mortgages were provided by two Mariano companies, Acme Realty Trust and Acme Finance Corp., and allowed the buyers "to qualify for mortgages they otherwise would have been unable to obtain from the lenders," the indictment charged.

Several City Hall sources said then Mayor Thomas N. Menino, whom he was a city councilor, was instrumental in getting government approvals for Mariano's Dale Village project. "Menino beat up his business contacts to get Mariano the permits," said one source.

The Dale Village fraud case went to trial in January 1996, but ended abruptly on the third day of testimony under U.S. District Court Judge Joseph L. Tauro, granted motions of acquittal for Mariano and the other remaining defendants.

One juror recalled that the former prosecutor, Nadine Pellegrini, appeared stunned when Tauro threw out the case at trial through a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office. Pellegrini refused to discuss the Symbioso case.

While Mariano was awaiting trial in the fall of 1995, one of his partners, Michael F. Morley, was selected by the Boston administration to receive the first 10 of the 17



MARINO ARRIVES: Mariano arrives at his home in Roslindale. Sources say Mayor Thomas M. Menino helped Mariano obtain permits for his Dale Village condo development. Below is the owner of a fraud indictment.

permits of city land Mariano and his associates would get over the next six years.

In May 1996, a few months after Mariano was acquitted of mortgage fraud, the city sold the 10 parcels of land in Roslindale to Morley for \$10,000. Two months later, Morley sold the land for less than \$100 to a trust in the name of Michael

wife, Elizabeth.

Over the next year, Mariano built seven houses on the land which he sold for a total of more than \$11 million. His estimated profit on the deal exceeded \$100,000, according to documents reviewed by the Herald.

After that, Mariano continued to be selected by the city to develop

its surplus lots and piled up profits of approximately \$25 million on the deals, records show.

The various trusts and limited partnerships Mariano used to develop his city lots were all run out of the same second-floor office over his bar, the Roslindale Pub on Washington Street in Roslindale.

That was also the place of Menino's "dope" street, which landed on the newspaper that wrote the 1994 indictment.

Linda Mofield, the now Acme & Daily Trust, was fired and later acquitted with Mariano in the Dale Village case. Marlene Murray has been a integral cog in Mariano's campaign and in the same street as the in Hyde Park.

Another former Justice Mariano in 1994 was Charles rotella, a real estate broker who at the time who owned sites of Dale Village.

Marolino, 62, of Roslindale, criminal record and believed to be organized crime, according to recent history in federal court, associated with others in the drug charges who have a police brother-in-law, gambling ring in northern suburbs.

The police switch, open by Norfolk County District Attorney William F. Cianci, \$46,000 in cash and more pounds of marijuana, suspended sentences of nine, steroids and ecstasy.

Lindroth's case came up at time in April in the federal triple trial of former Boston police officer Michael Fanone.

William St. Croix, a copilot and the son of W.A. Gage, Jr. and Stephen "T.J." Mariano, testified a spot time with Lindroth in mid-1990s and described his "tamer" and a "narcotic" stager.

He said specifically he to be a member of the W.A. Gage. St. Croix said of Fanone, "According to St. Croix, he paid him a total of \$10 to \$15" two medical cases filing against him.

St. Croix told the 10 and 100th witness.

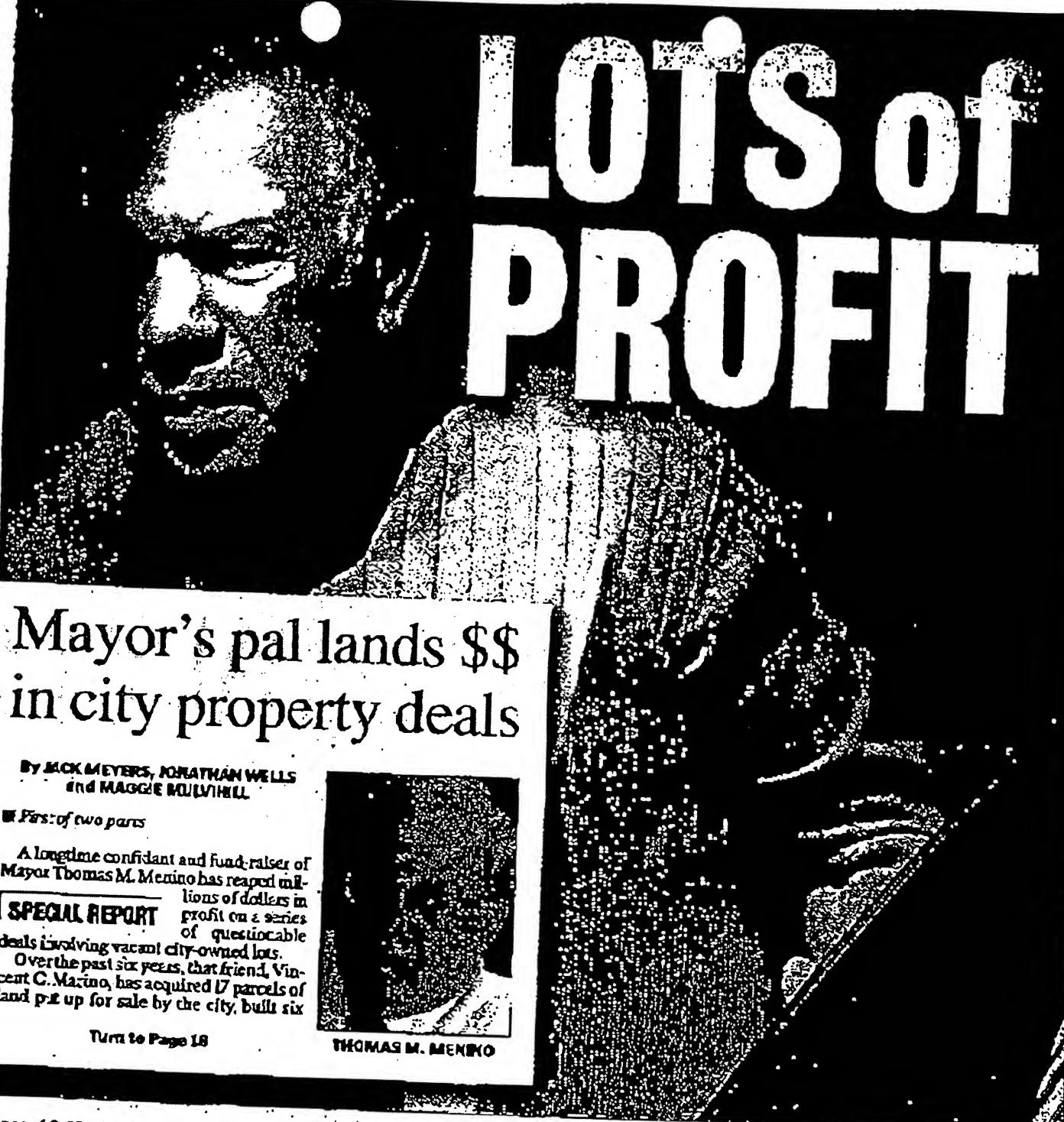
Later, when Lindroth was questioned that he was police surveillance, St. Croix to check his gun holder listening device.

St. Croix placed cameras around Lindroth's home "sweep" it with a metal detector. When he showed Lindroth "busted" he had found, he paid St. Croix \$10,000 for services.

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LOTS OF PROFIT



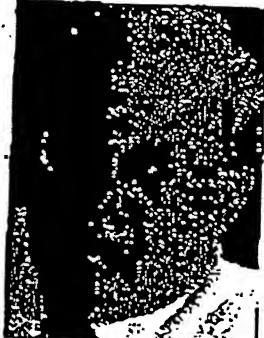
Mayor's pal lands \$\$ in city property deals

By JACK MEYERS, JONATHAN WELLS
and MAGGIE BOULVILL

■ Part of two parts

A longtime confidant and fund-raiser of Mayor Thomas M. Menino has reaped millions of dollars in profit on a series of questionable deals involving vacant city-owned lots.

SPECIAL REPORT Over the past six years, that friend, Vincent C. Marino, has acquired 17 parcels of land put up for sale by the city, built six



THOMAS M. MENINO

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Vincent C. Marino arrives at one of the bars he owns — the Roslindale Pub on Washington Street in Roslindale. — STAFF PHOTO BY KEVIN WISNIEWSKI

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Longtime pal nets \$2.5M developing vacant lots

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residential project and raised a profit estimated at \$25 million.

The city's own records show that administration officials beat the rush to resell properties to the company put in two bidders. Marino was selected by the city over bought out of the other bidder offered more money for the land.

In another case, the Marino administration gave the rights to explicitly favor a business partner of Marino who won the bidding, purchased the city land for \$30,000 and then promptly transferred it to Marino's wife for less than \$100.

Since Marino became mayor in 1993, Marino "gets whatever he wants," from City Hall, said a former Marino administration source. Who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Members of Marino's inner circle at City Hall have known for years of the mayor's close relationship with Marino, which dates back three decades. Marino has been both a mentor and friend and a productive fund-raiser for the mayor. For years, the two men took daily morning walks together.

"You don't find two people who are closer," said one source who has known both men over the years.

Marino's office in Boston has long had a reputation to some circles as being something the line between the legitimate business world and the underworld.

And that repulsive, if well-founded, Florida investigation has found since the trials, Marino has been associated with — and to some extent in business with — loan sharks, bookmakers and organized crime figures according to law enforcement officials, law-enforcement reports and court records.

Marino himself was identified by organized crime investigators in the 1970s as a member of one of Boston's most notorious criminal organizations.

As recently as two years ago, state and federal investigators disclosed some of Marino's closest associates in an illegal gambling probe that resulted in legal trouble.

While Marino's ties to organized crime figures have remained largely unknown for the last 15 years, in his beginning family connection to Marino.



WILLED FRIENDSHIP: Dennis Abrahams Yassar, far left, and Mayor Thomas M. Marino, right, have been friends since the 1970s. Marino has made millions buying and developing vacant city lots over the past six years. Developers competing with Marino to acquire city property question the fairness of the bid process.

Buyer beware when Marino loses bid

Victor C. Marino has nearly gotten what he wants at City Hall, except on one particular day last year when the city rejected a batch of several bids on 16 lots it had submitted by Marino and his partners.

In each case, the offer submitted by the Department of Neighborhood Development to Marino and his partners would fall short, even far below the city's minimum bid price.

Records available on 14 of those bids show that Marino and his partners offered a total of only \$34,000 for land with minimum bid prices totaling \$60,000.

All of the bids were submitted on the same day in January 2001 and rejected by the city on the same

day three weeks later.

According to city records, however, none of the other bidders has been able to buy those lots either. City officials said sales are pending on two of the 16 lots, but some of them did actually sell in the last week.

The case of 43-57 Norther Road in Dorchester is typical. Marino offered only \$3000 for land which had a minimum price of \$22,500. The winning bidder offered the city's asking price and was selected to develop the lot, but more than a year later the lot has still not been sold. City officials say the designated buyer did not meet their design standards.

Now, Marino enjoys the trappings of a wealthy man. He gave up his lifelong residency in Fort Lauderdale in the early 1990s to move into a secluded, Italian-style villa in Dedham worth well over \$1 million.

Marino's holdings currently include more than \$2 million worth of real estate in Massachusetts and Florida and three bars — the Brookline Pub and Parkway Tavern in Brookline and the Charlestown in

Boston's North End.

He's also a shareholder in the

Esquire, a bar in Medford, he helped open five years ago. He serves as a director on the board of the City's Neighborhood Improvement Program, a former Marino program aimed at revitalizing neighborhood business districts.

In a telephone interview yesterday, the mayor acknowledged that Marino gave him a ride around the Esquire board of the City's Neighborhood Improvement Program, a former Marino program aimed at revitalizing neighborhood business districts.

"I don't think it has to do with me," the mayor said. "We never been engaged with the city agencies or the city ever asked me anything to do with this. There's been a process and he's been able to go with that process."

Marino said he is unaware of why Marino has had to organize events.

Marino declined to be interviewed by a written reporter. (Would question his lawyer.) Tom Wall and Marino are close friends with Marino for 25 years and former City Manager Tom Marino is related to Tom's wife. Tom Wall said Marino has not been helpful toward him in his relationship with the mayor.

Victor Marino does not believe that his relationship with Tom McNamee has helped him acquire city property for development," Wall wrote. "For the community, he believes that no investors receive claims scrutiny." ISD (Neighborhood Services Dept) and BRA (Boston Redevelopment Authority) claim they can't determine exactly precisely because he has been a friend and supporter of Tom McNamee.

Wall refused to say how many acres Marino has made on deals with the city. "When money is made on the development of property, Victor Marino believes to be no one's jurisdiction except his and the D.N.D." Wall wrote.

Christine Colker, McNamee's housing chief and the head of a Department of Neighborhood Development, said the mayor is never interviewed in the process.

"I took this job in January 1999," McNamee said. "In the last three months, I've worked for the mayor, but since his (a lawyer) asked me to do anything other than follow Chapter 33 (anticorruption laws)," he said.

Between May 1996 and this spring, Marino developed 10 housing units on the 17 lots he bought from the city. Those houses have together sold for \$33 million.

Based on project budgets, Marino and his partners submitted to the Department of Neighborhood Development building permit applications he filed with ISD and the square-foot costs commonly used

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bucks on city land deals

Corbett Development, then Corbett Development, a Lowell co., to develop two small side-by-side lots on Codman Street in Hyde Park.

Corbett's proposal was to build a house on the existing lot. Edward P. O'Neill, president of Corbett Development, told city officials at that the site was not big enough for two houses, a residential school for children on Dedham Street. Records show Corbett Development took title to the lots in July of one of Marino's partners was later immediately applying to put up a property. In October, Marino and a friend bought another building across the street to buy a 10-foot-wide slice of land and to the city's west St. Cambon, the property would be big enough to build a house, instead of one.

O'Neill said he had no idea why was actively pursuing his own use for the parcels shortly after Marino bought them from the city. "We must have been working behind the scenes," O'Neill said.

On Aug. 26, 1999, two days after Marino lawyer contacted DND with the parcels, city officials met to O'Neill threatening to take action against him for failing to file construction within one year, as required by his purchase agreement. Within days, O'Neill left cut to Haverhill and Marino, citing a small profit.

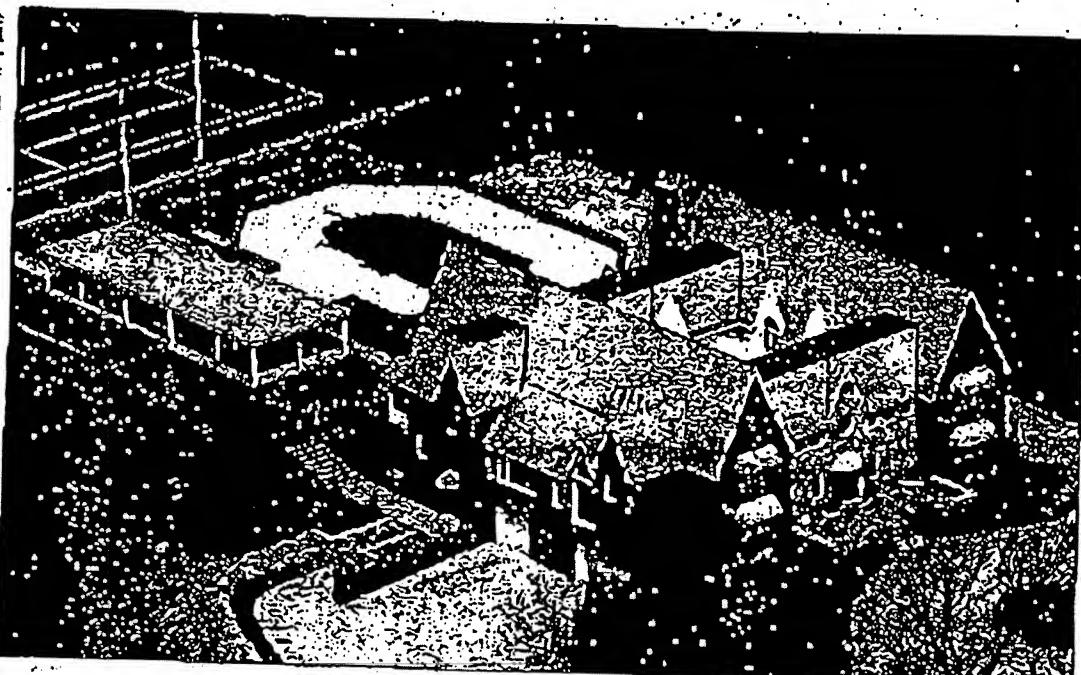
"They say 'offered me about \$100,' " said O'Neill, who initially met Marino about six weeks ago to examine the property in order to negotiate on another project. In the end,

City officials had told O'Neill they could only "sell one house on the property." It was told the city couldn't build one house," O'Neill said.

The city's partners charged, however, that Marino bought the lots at O'Neill's insistence without adding a slice of land. Marino got the Michaela's Neighborhood's green light to add two houses. O'Neill was shocked.

"That's a toxic run," he said. "Even the two houses together is less than \$38,000." O'Neill demanded an opinion. "He probably adds \$10,000 on that deal. That's a bad idea."

In early 1998, DND offered a deal on Upton Street in Hyde Park for sale as a house lot for a asking price of \$10,000. The city received three bids (\$2,500) from a Norton developer, \$10,000 from a Boston builder and \$3,000 from Marino. The city chose Marino. In addition, the city failed to co-



HOUSING DEAL: Developers Vincent Marino's Double or Bust, above, is worth well over \$1 million. The Hydepark Residential residential and long-time friend of Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino moved to the Holden-style village in the early 2000s.

STAFF PHOTO BY PATRICK WISEMAN

Homes Sweet homes

Vincent C. Marino, II, co-founder of Hydepark Residential, has listed extremely well-taught property from the city, developing the land and then reselling it.



ADDRESS	# LOTS PURCHASED	\$ PAID TO CITY	\$ HOUSE BUILT	% MARKUP / SALE PRICE
Plumtree Road/ Green Avenue/ Climmon Street	10	\$50,000	1	\$112,500
15 Upton St.	1	\$5,000	1	\$112,500
99 Cal St.	1	\$2,500	2	\$129,500

*NOTE: PRICES ARE BASED ON CASH PURCHASE FROM CASH BUYERS TO WHOM YOU CAN ADD \$2,500.

Source: City and county records

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Menino became the "winning bidder," just four weeks before the city decided to sell the land.

Two months after the city sold the lots to Menino for \$50,000, Menino transferred them to a trust headed by Menino's wife, Elizabeth, for a nominal sum. The deed states "less than \$1."

At the same time, the Marino-controlled trust bought a small building lot for \$10,000, then resold all the property lots and built seven houses, which were sold between 1997 and 1999 for \$126,500.

A controversy erupted to late 1999 over the city's sale of 99 Cal St. in Jamaica Plain to Marino and Menino.

Neighborhood leaders and housing groups protested that they were never told the lot was available for development, breaching a promise the Menino administration had made. They also said the city did not properly advertise the sale of the parcel, failing to put a legal notice in the community newspaper. Availability of the lot was often used in the Herald and the South

Because of that, the price offered documents utilized a bidding system for the lots was not the top criteria for reading bidders in which DND received four bids, the highest A developer's stand did utilize the portion was intended for routine

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Judge ruled. Crowley was found not guilty of "recklessly endangering the health and safety of the public." His defense team appealed the decision, which went to Superior Court. The defense team argued about the pending indictment.

In May, Jopes appealed Crowley's conviction. Two weeks of observation of Jopes and one month of Mez to determine if he would be granted parole.

The U.S. Attorney's office declined comment on the court's letter.

Crowley's defense team was unsuccessful in convincing prosecutors their attorney had a conflict of interest during his tenure as U.S. attorney.

U.S. District Judge Edward G. Saylor upheld Crowley's conviction after a trial that lasted eight years.

Defense lawyers are appealing the sentence, due to begin Sept. 12.

"I hope you can find it in your heart to give him the most lenient sentence possible," wrote Boston Clerk of Appeals Commissioner William McDonough, who has known Crowley, 51, 43 years. "All of us would be better served with John to continue serving the public

in a 'life-long' single-life term." McDonough defended Crowley as an agent just doing his job and attempting to distance Crowley from the Boston mobsters — *if only*.

McDonald, 50, a former Brockton police officer, was serving 20 years for his role in a 1994 killing of a police officer during a drug bust at a local bar. He was granted parole in 2000.

He was paroled before he disappeared. Police are believed to be working at that time to arrest him and to keep him from reoffending, also in the community of Bridgewater, Bristol County, where McDonald reportedly spread word about the incident.

U.S. Weeks did not file that. That is why John would have gone to the store to tell him ... if John talked to his wife, he could have done it directly," McDonough said.

Assistant Crowley supports his Son, James, N.Y., attorney Alan Thornton, who said his client and Crowley has his wife's name though he attributed the statement to his partner, FBI Agent H. Paul Fine, who took over Crowley as an informant.

In his letter, Thornton also notes he has demanded World War II era five-year leases.

He also says he has received three addenda.

Investigations believe Thornton and Jopes received profits from World War II addenda.

In addition, Roger Toliver, 51, died

in 2000, while serving a prison sentence for a robbery he committed in 1992.

'Operation Clean Streets' targets troubled Brockton neighborhoods

By Dave Yurkin

Frustrated Brockton officials and residents are trying to take back their streets from gangsters they consider responsible for a recent crime wave that has left two young girls dead and a 10-year-old boy dead.

"There's a lot of criminal activity going on in that neighborhood and we're all getting tired of it and sick of it before it gets worse," Sheriff Clinton Daniels told reporters this week at a news conference of the North Woods crime scene.

In an effort to end the hard-to-end drug network of North Woods, police with dogs sweep vacant lots for guns and drug paraphernalia while city workers clear debris and illegal waste that received fire and debris in addition to the North Woods Avenue area. "Operation Clean Streets," is targeting the scrub rice neighborhood of Custer and

Pulson streets, which has also seen a recent surge in violence.

Mayor Jack Yurkin promised more police in the neighborhoods and said he will ask B7C in the state police to bring patrols back to the city of 100,000. State police routinely patrol downtown in the late 1990s, which many officials say helped slash the city's crime rate.

Officials are posting "no standing" signs in hopes of discouraging drug dealing and are considering increasing curfews in trouble spots. The city is also offering low-cost loans to build new owner-occupied homes on vacant lots, some of which have already been acquired by developers, Yurkin said.

And officials have met with several landlords to offer help in booting drug-pushing tenants. "Some of these landlords are hesitant to get involved for fear of retribution, but we're not going to tolerate that," Yurkin said.

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Rivals question Marino's cozy land deals

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located Marino's company, Decarie Villas Limited Partnership, as the developer of 10-40 Morris St., a former public works depot in West Roxbury.

The project was appraised at \$600,000, assuming it would be subdivided into five or six units by The highest bidder, Michael J. Marino of West Roxbury, who offered \$500,000, withdrew shortly after the bids were opened for unspecified reasons. He refused comment when reached by a Herald reporter.

Marino's bid of \$500,000 was the second-highest of the six bids submitted. But calling Marino's \$500,000 proposal the purchase price is misleading, because city officials spent about \$580,000 of its own money to demolish and clean up the site, and the other bidders were never told about it.

In fact, the Mayor's administration made the decision to pay only all of the cleanup costs only after Marino was selected as the developer.

The city decided to pay nearly all of the cleanup costs for a former public works depot only after Marino was chosen as the developer.

City officials say Marino's bid was the lowest. But some DPD officials say Marino's bid was the highest. DPD's environmental manager, Margaret Luttrell, is in April 2000 minutes of a project manager meeting between the city and Marino's company. "Very last day of [the] budget, Marino's submitted a bid that he was a 'clean site,' and thought that was what the city was going to pay."

City officials defend the pre-existing site as being free of contamination, but the site would have been cleaned if the city had the opportunity to do so.

They say Marino's bid was the lowest.

"For us to clean like the city did, it would be more expensive and take more time," said DPD chief Robby. Having the city help pay for the cleanup got housing, but "some in a city that needs housing and is a community that can live with a Public Works depot for decades, she noted.

Robby said, according to DPD, Marino had nothing to do with Marino's friendship with the mayor.

In several other bidders' offers, there was a little bit part, however. They did not have enough information to determine how otherwise the parcels were at the site or how much it would cost to clean up. Buying a former DPPA depot and assuming the financial liability for its cleanup is costly.

Daniel Bradley of Boston Affordable Housing said, when he and Patrick Marlow, a buyer from Cambridge, each of whom submitted bids, told the city's request for proposals indicated the developer was responsible for cleaning up the site was so far from the city and there is nothing to the contrary.

"We were under the assumption that we would have to bear the cost of that," said Marlow.

In a letter to the city, Bradley cited the uncertainty surrounding the cleanup costs as the reason for his low bid. He even proposed buying insurance to protect the city and himself from unexpected environmental costs.

Another bidder, Anthony Roselli of Dorchester, said the experience left him with a bitter taste in his mouth.

"I don't believe [the process] is fair. I think they've got it lined up for someone. We bid on it, this time. I would never bid on it again [it's] a waste of my time and money," Roselli said in an interview.

DPD official Barbara Sofsky and Lisa Stokey never returned calls or answered questions, Marlow said.

"No one provided any information," Roselli said. "That's why it's a big [sic]."

Tonight: A look at Marino's ties to organized crime this past 35 years.

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SPECIAL REPORT

Menino's pal has longtime mob ties

By JONATHAN WELLS,
MAGGIE MULVIGHILL
and JACK MEYERS

■ Second of two parts

Vincent C. Marino, a confidant of Mayor Tom Menino who has made millions of dollars via a series of land deals within the city, has a criminal record and ties to organized crime figures that span 35 years.

Marino, 65, appears at first blush to be more than a popular former prizefighter



MARINO

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Mayo's pal has mobster ties back to 1960s

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whose many years as a restaurateur and developer in the southern neighborhoods of the city have earned him the unofficial title of "mayor of Roslindale."

But closer scrutiny of Marino's record over the last four decades reveals evidence of illegal activities and criminal associations that raise questions about his status as a close friend and fund-raiser to the mayor.

A Herald investigation found that Marino's ties to organized crime figures started with a loan-sharking conviction in the 1960s and continues today as state and federal authorities are targeting some of Marino's longtime associates in an ongoing investigation.

The most revealing evidence of Marino's place in Boston's criminal underworld was found in confidential documents drafted in 1973 by a special organized crime task force that identified Marino as an operative in the notorious Winter Hill Gang.

Marino served directly under the gang's boss at the time, Howie Winter, according to the documents. Winter, a major crime boss until his imprisonment in 1979, was identified by investigators as "organized, crime, control" and Marino as "sub-control."

Marino and his Winter Hill crew operated out of his bar, Casa Beirut, on Washington Street in Roslindale, the documents state. The second-floor office above that bar, which is now called the Roslindale Pub, still serves as Marino's headquarters.

The Herald reported yesterday that Marino, who is a relative of the mayor's wife, has been remarkably successful in acquiring city-owned land since Marino became mayor in 1993.

Records show that in the last six years, Marino's purchase and redevelopment of 17 city-owned residential lots netted him and his partners an estimated \$2.5 million in profits.

And City Hall insiders said ...

They claimed the mayor's friend has received special treatment from city developmental agencies for years, dating back to Marino's 10 years as a district city councilor before he became mayor.

Marino and Marino both acknowledged this week that they have had a long and close friendship, but denied it has played a role in Marino's string of profitable deals with City Hall.

Ongoing probe

In April 2002, when state police investigators busted up a major gambling ring operating in Boston's southern neighborhoods, south suburbs and an Cape Cod, they arrested three of Marino's closest associates.

According to the Norfolk County District Attorney's Office, the "person in charge" of the gambling network was Donald A. "Duke" Willis, 67, of Plympton and Bourne Beach, Fla.

Willis has been identified by law enforcement as a major bookmaker since at least 1978 and his criminal record dates back to 1959, according to court records.

And Willis has been closely associated with Marino in the past, feuding over two men who became partners in a local auto repair shop — Boston's Best Auto Rental, Boston's Best Auto Wholesalers and Boston's Best Auto Center — which all had addresses on property owned by Marino in Hyde Park.

When state police investigators searched Willis' home in Plympton, among the 30 items seized was a "typed letter" by Vincenzo Marino, Boston Best Auto Center Inc., according to the search warrant return.

Reached by telephone at his Florida home, Willis declined comment on the charges pending against him and his relationship with Marino.

Another longtime associate of Marino, Joseph J. "The Captain" Colucci, was charged in

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CONNECTED: Joseph Colucci, left, and Richard J. Marino, right, were both involved in a gambling ring allegedly run by Vincent Manzo associate Donald A. "Duke" Willis, according to police documents. Richard Marino, Vincent Manzo's brother, was also identified in government documents as a Winter Hill Gang operative.

with Marino in 1966 of loan-sharking and on his own for illegal gambling twice in the 1970s, pleaded guilty in May 2000 to gambling charges stemming from his involvement in the ring allegedly run by Willis.

On March 31, 2000, one day before the state police raided his gaming office in West Roxbury, and his home in Roslindale, Colucci was overheard on a police wiretap warning another bookie that there was "heat up the game," a reference to intense law enforcement activity, according to court papers.

Colucci was sentenced to one year of unsupervised probation and fined \$320,000.

Meanwhile, Colucci was identified as a Winter Hill Gang operative in the same 1975 organized crime documents which named Marino. Colucci was listed as an underling of Mickey Griffin, who was another organized crime "sub-control" reporting directly to

were generated by the Suffolk County Investigation and Prosecution Project (SCIPP), a federally funded task force set up in the 1970s to root out organized crime and public corruption.

"Joe Colucci is a known entity in the law enforcement community as a gaming guy," said one former detective who specialized in organized crime in the 1980s and 1990s.

Marino and Colucci also have been business partners. In 1976 they started a franchise business called Natural Pals, which started with one store in Kenmore Square and eventually expanded into other states.

Then, in 1979, Marino financed Colucci's attempted acquisition of a Park Square bar, which was eventually blocked by the Boston Licensing Board because of Colucci's criminal record.

Despite that record, Colucci has fared well of late before city and state licensing boards. On

Marino, also was involved in the Willis gambling ring according to a state police affidavit, but he was not charged.

A government wiretap on the telephone of the ring's day-to-day manager, George Chute, picked up a voice message on March 16, 2010, in which Chute told one of his underlings that he had "paperwork from Richie Marino." Investigators explained that "paperwork" was a term used by members of the organization for besting records.

Richard Marino, 60, who was frequently seen by the Herald in his brother's Roslindale Pub during the last year, also was identified in SCIPP documents in 1975 as an operative in the Winter Hill Gang. Richard Marino and Colucci are currently next-door neighbors in Roslindale.

Richard Marino had at least one business with his brother, Vincent, in Florida, called Boston's Best Auto Parts.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/30/2002

To: FBIHQ

Attn: Records Management
RRDS/NNCPU/Rm 4973

From: Boston

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Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] *[Signature]*

Drafted By: [redacted] *[Signature]*

Case ID #: 194B-BS-90361 (Pending)

Title: THOMAS MICHAEL MENINO
WHITE HOUSE (WH)
NAME CHECK REQUEST

Enclosure(s): Enclosed for FBI-HQ is an original and one copy of an LHM.

Synopsis: The Boston Division responds to Bureau EC dated 8/12/02.

Details: The Boston Division contacted AUSA [redacted] Boston, Mass. who recommends that the contents of the opening LHM is suitable for dissemination. Any mention of FGJ material has been removed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: DEADLINE 08/20/2002 **Date:** 08/12/2002

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From: Records Management
RRDS/NNCPU/Rm 4973
Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted] 5X150

Drafted By: [redacted] (DW)

Case ID #: 194B-BS-90361-5

Title: THOMAS MICHAEL MENINO
WHITE HOUSE (WH)
NAME CHECK REQUEST

Synopsis: The Bureau is in receipt of a name check request from the WH concerning Thomas Michael Menino, born December 27, 1942, in Boston, Massachusetts, SSAN: 023-32-0267, and employed with the City of Boston. Menino is being considered for the Homeland Security Advisory Council. Per instructions from the Attorney General's Office, for the President, these checks are to be handled as soon as received.

Administrative: We are authorized to conduct name checks for federal executive branch agencies under MAOP, Part 2, Section 9,
9-2.4. 08/12/2002

Details: Boston is directed to its case 194B-BS-90361 where Menino appears to be one of the subjects. As this investigation is pending, contact the U.S. Attorney for dissemination guidance from a prosecutive standpoint concerning Menino. Boston is requested to review its file and submit an EC and LHM suitable for dissemination to the WH, setting forth pertinent details of the investigation that can be disseminated and the USA's opinion, to the attention of [redacted] National Name Check Program Unit, Room 4973, FBIHQ. (Do not include Grand Jury 6(e) material or Bureau techniques in the LHM.)

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To: Boston From: Records Management
Re: 194B-BS-90361, 08/12/2002

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AT BOSTON, MA

Boston is requested to review its file, contact the USA, and submit an EC and LHM suitable for dissemination to the WH, by August 20, 2002. The LHM should include identifying data (DPOB, SSAN, and ect.) regarding Menino. **YOU ARE REMINDED WE ARE UNDER A FIVE-DAY DEADLINE.**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/17/2002

To: BOSTON

Attn: SAC

From: BOSTON

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Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] mpb

Case ID #: 194B-BS-90361 (Pending) - 3

Title: Thomas M. Menino
Mayor, City of Boston

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[redacted] City of Boston;
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Telecommunications (Victim);
Sprint Telecommunications (Victim);
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Synopsis: Request opening of FGJ subfile and NC subfile.

Details: Writer request the opening of a Federal Grand Jury subfile and also a media subfile for captioned matter.

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Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 194B-BS-90361 (Pending) - 2

Title: Thomas M. Menino,
Mayor, City of Boston;

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[redacted] City of Boston;
[redacted] Sprint
Telecommunications (Victim);
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Synopsis: Request opening of sub files.

Details: It is requested that a Federal Grand Jury subfile (FGJ) and a newspaper clipping subfile (NC) be opened in captioned matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 06/11/2002

To: FBI-HQ

Attn: PCU-CID

From: Boston

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Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] pac

Case ID #: 194B-BS [redacted]

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Title: Thomas M. Menino,
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Telecommunications (Victim);
Sprint Telecommunications (Victim);
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Synopsis: New public corruption case opened in Boston Division.

Details: The writer requests that new public corruption case be opened in Boston Division. Enclosed is LHM for review.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Boston, MA 02108
June 11, 2002

Thomas M. Menino,
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[REDACTED] City of Boston;

Sprint Telecommunications (Victim);
Sprint Telecommunications (Victim);
Corruption of State and Local Public Officials;
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This case was predicated on a June 11, 2002 Boston Herald newspaper article which questioned the appropriateness of Mayor Thomas Menino's televised conversation with Sprint Telecommunications' [REDACTED]. The conversation is part of the television program "24/7" which is scheduled to air the evening of June 11, 2002. In one segment of the program, the Mayor threatens the company with the loss of a lucrative city contract unless the firm donates \$ 25,000.00 to the mayoral youth fund. The Mayor is shown having a telephone conversation with [REDACTED] discussing the awarding of City of Boston contracts. During the course of their conversation, Menino threatens to give a Boston Housing Authority contract to AT & T, a Sprint competitor, because AT & T is sponsoring a summer youth program while Sprint has done nothing. [REDACTED] is also shown on the television broadcast making statements suggesting that Sprint will lose the contract if they fail to make the donation. [REDACTED] also assists the Mayor in pressuring Sprint to make the donation.

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Appropriate investigation will be conducted. The investigation will require the obtaining of an unedited version of the television program "24/7". Additionally, the Boston Division intends to conduct interviews and obtain grand jury testimony of appropriate witnesses. Moreover, the financial records of Sprint as well as the charity will be subpoenaed.

On June 11, 2002, Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED] United States Attorney's Office, District of Massachusetts, stated that the case has prosecutive merit. The United States Attorney's Office stated that if the apparent facts are shown to be true the case will be prosecuted.

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Attn: PCU-CID

From: Boston

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Contact: SA [redacted]

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Approved By: [redacted]

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Case ID #: 194B-BS-NEW (Pending)

Title: Thomas M. Menino,
Mayor, City of Boston;

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[redacted] City of Boston;

[redacted] Sprint

Telecommunications (Victim);

Sprint Telecommunications (Victim);

Corruption of State and Local Public Officials;

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